Bristol, Aug. 26, 1846.

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My Dear Henry:

We arrived in this place on Monday afternoon, at half past 5 o'clock, and found our attentive friend Mr. Costlin at the station, with his phaeton, ready to convey us to his elegant residence. In the evening, a choice circle of friends, men and women, assembled at his house to greet us, and we had a very pleasant time. Yesterday afternoon, we had a public meeting at the Victoria Rooms, (a splendid building,) which was attended by a most select assemblage, the Mayor of the city presiding on the occasion, who

introduced us in a very handsome manner. The hall was filled — a considerable part of the assembly being members of the Society of Friends, of the affluent class. Very marked attention was paid to our remarks, and all seemed to be highly gratified; but, to me, it was any thing but an animated time. So much formality and <u>selectness</u> takes all the warmth out of me; and I felt as dull and flat as though I had neither perception nor instinct. Frederick seemed to labor under embarrassment, but he did much better than myself. I thought he used

greatly disturb the Mayor, and our cautious and considerate friend Mr. Estlin — the former, by his severe remarks upon slave-holders as "vagabonds" and "villains," (for you will recollect that Bristol is the head quarters of the West India planters in this kingdom, and it was bringing up old reminiscences not the most pleasant to them and their friends) — and the latter by his "indiscriminate" assault on the American church and clergy. How the mayor really felt at such plain talk, I cannot say; but he concluded the meeting with some commendatory remarks; — and, to my surprise, Mr. Estlin took exception at nothing that was said, but seemed to be

very much pleased, and declared that he believed a very salutary impression had been made. The more I see of him, the more I am satisfied that he means to be a true friend of the cause, and that he is the main spoke in the anti-slavery wheel, in all this region.

Last evening, we had a large circle of persons, of various religious denominations, convened at friend Estlin's, and a most animating conversation followed, on a variety of topics, but chiefly on non-resistance — when I gave them all my heresies on that point. I wish you could have seen us, — yes, and been one of the group. I had half a dozen opponents, ministers, lawyers, merchants, &c.; but they were so effectually unnerved that they knew not which way to turn. The discussion, however, was very amicably conducted.

Some would say, that it was very poor policy to be talking about such subjects, if I wished to secure aid to the anti-slavery cause, and to make my mission a successful one. Thank God! it is not policy, but principle, by which I mean to be governed in my intercourse with my fellow-men; and while I desire at all times to be governed by a sound judgment, and not to be guilty of rashness, I will not desist from declaring "the whole counsel of God," as opportunity may offer, whether men will hear or forbear. As Wendell Phillips once finely remarked — "God has not sent me into the world to abolish slavery, but to do my duty." It seems to me that our intercourse with our fellow-men will be to little benefit,

if we confine ourselves to the consideration of topics about which we are already agreed, or which are of a trivial character. Phrenologically speaking, my caution is large, and my native combativeness not very ~~large~~; and as I pay no regard whatever to the question of numbers, but every thing to the question of right, I am not very forward in the work of proselytism.

I have received a very kind note from Francis Bishop, of Exeter, in which he says, in relation to the coming of Dungerton and myself to that place — "I have spoken to several friends on the subject, and they all agree that a public meeting is most desirable. We

have accordingly decided on
having such a meeting on Friday
evening, in the largest and best
public room in Exeter. The
people only want to know the
facts of American slavery, to be
heart and soul with you. I
trust we shall form an auxil-
iary to the League in Exeter."
We are to meet with a select num-
ber of friends at Bishop's resi-
dence, to-morrow (Thursday)
evening. Thus, you see, we
may be fully prepared before
us.

Mr. Estlin thinks there ought
to be an auxiliary to the
League in Bristol. This will
probably be agreed upon at the
close of our meeting this even-
ing. Thus far, every thing looks
auspiciously.

Frederick is stopping with a very wealthy and esteemable member of the Society of Friends, who a few weeks since was gulled out of £50 by the Broad-street committee. What will Stuge and Scobie say to his giving us the right hand of fellowship?

Your note has just been received, for which many thanks. I am thankful James Haughton has given the argumentum ad hominem to Dr. Marsh.

What tidings in regard to the Evangelical Alliance? Did you see Nelson after I left? George Thompson writes that he thinks it extremely doubtful whether he can be with us this evening. This is depressing to us.

With assurances of my highest regards to William Smeal, John Murray, and the dear friends at Glasgow, I remain, heartily yours, even, W. L. Garrison

Bristol, Aug. 27, 1845.

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Dear Henry:

We held our public meeting, last evening, in the large hall, formerly occupied by the League; and though the tickets were put at 6d. and 3d., the hall was filled in every part, and many had to stand up in the aisles. We were much disappointed (i.e. Frederick and myself) that George Thompson was not able to be with us, though his absence was not complained of by any of the Bristol friends. As it happened, there was no room for an additional speaker, un-

less Frederick and I had made shorter speeches; for our meeting did not close till half past 10 o'clock. George Thomas, a wealthy and influential Friend, presided, and made some very excellent introductory remarks. Frederick made one of his very best speeches, which produced a powerful effect. We were both warmly responded to by the audience. It was agreed that another public meeting should be held at the same place, next Wednesday evening — Frederick to give the lecture. Every thing in this town looks highly encouraging.

Yours, in haste,

W. L. G.